CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A method of routing electronic mail messages to a user with a server, the method comprising

5   the steps of:

        (1) receiving at a mail server an electronic mail message having a destination address;

        (2) receiving from a user at the mail server an identification of a main electronic mail

address and at least one alias electronic mail address;

        (3) comparing the destination address to the main and at least one alias electronic mail

10   addresses; and

        (4) transmitting the electronic mail message to an address determined as a result of the

comparing step.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein step (4) comprises:

15   transmitting the electronic mail message to the destination address when the destination

address is indicated as a main address; and

        transmitting the electronic mail message to a main address when the destination address

is indicated as an alias address corresponding to the main address.

20   3. A method of providing an electronic mail service to users, the method comprising the steps

      of:

(1) registering a main electronic mail address for a user;

(2) providing at least one alias electronic mail address to the user; and

(3) delivering electronic messages addressed to the main address and electronic mail messages addressed to the at least one alias address to a single electronic mail inbox.

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4. The method of claim 3, further including the step of:

(4) allowing the user to manage the at least one alias electronic mail address.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the allowing steps comprises allowing the user to delete alias electronic mail addresses.

6. The method of claim 4, wherein the allowing steps comprises allowing the user to add alias electronic mail addresses.

15   7. The method of claim 3, further including the step of providing a record of electronic messages sent by and received by the at least one alias electronic mail address.

8. The method of claim 7, further including the step of displaying electronic messages received by the at least one alias electronic mail address.

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9. The method of claim 3, further including the step of providing the main electronic mail address to the user.

10. An electronic mail server configured to perform the steps of:

5   (1) receiving an electronic mail message having a destination address;

(2) comparing the destination address to addresses included in a database of main and alias electronic mail addresses; and

(3) transmitting the electronic mail message to an address determined as a result of the comparing step.

11. The mail server of claim 10, wherein step (3) comprises:

transmitting the electronic mail message to the destination address when the destination address is indicated as a main address in the database; and

transmitting the electronic mail message to a main address when the destination address

15   is indicated as an alias address corresponding to the main address in the database.

12. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps of:

comparing a destination address of an electronic mail message to addresses included in a

20   database of main and alias electronic mail addresses; and

readdressing the electronic mail message to a main address when the destination address

is indicated as an alias address corresponding to the main address.

13. An electronic mail system comprising:

5   an electronic mail server configured to perform the steps of:

(1) receiving an electronic mail message having a destination address;

(2) comparing the destination address to addresses included in a database of main

and alias electronic mail addresses; and

(3) transmitting the electronic mail message to an address determined as a result

of the comparing step; and

a computer coupled to the electronic mail server and including computer executable

instructions that allow a user to send electronic mail messages from more than one electronic

mail address with a single user interface.

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